the old leprosy Homes are being maintained by the State Government. A dealine in the number of admitted lepresy eases in these homes has been reported by the States.

[*English*]

Assistance to Nehru Yuvak Kendras in Orissa

4238. SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance provided to Nehru Yuvak Kendras in Orissa during 1991-92;

(b) whether any proposal to increase the quantum of assistance to NYK in Bolangir district during the current year has been received; and

(c) if so, the reasction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT): (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) An amount of Rs. 7,17,395 has been released for programmes to Nehru Yuva Kendras in the State of Orissa during 1991-92. Besides this, Rs. 2,999,898; Rs. 2,37,294 and Rs. 21,462 have also been released for establishment expenditure, stipend and training respectively, of National Service Volunteers attached to NYKs in Orissa.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) does not arise.

Recognition of Medical Qualifications Conferred by Foreign Universities

4239. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government recognise the post-graduate medical qualifications conferred by foreign universities;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for the proper utilization of services of such foreign qualified doctors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir. Sections 12 to 14 of Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 provide for recognition of medical qualifications conferred by foreign universities. The recognised medical qualifications including post-graduate qualifications granted by medical institutions outside India are included in Second Schedule and Part-II of Third Schedule to Indian Medical Council Act, 1956.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

Survey for Connecting Bodh Gaya with Rajgir

4240. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey was conducted by the Government during 1990 to connect Bodh Gaya with Rajgir by railway services;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Assistance to states for Construction of Buildings

4241. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria followed by the Government for providing financial assistance to the States for construction buingings and laboratories in schools under the National Education Programme;

(b) whether no provision has been made to provide financial assistance for constructing buildings for new schools opened after the year 1986-87 under the said programme;

(c) whether Rajasthan Government have sent any proposal to Government for the construction of buildings and laboratories in schools; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). Normally, the Central Government does not provide financial assistance for construction of school buildings and laboratories. However, under the Boarder Area Development Programme (BADEP), in the States of Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab and Rajasthan, financial assistance is being provided for the above purposes.

(c) and (d). An amount of Rs. 10 crores has been allocated during the year 1991-92 to Government of Rajasthan, under (BADEP) for proposals which include construction of school buildings, laboratories and upgradation of facilities in schools.

[*English*]

Pollution Control Devices in Visakhapatnam

4242. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited and the Hindustan Zinc Limited in Visakhapatnam city of Andhra Pradesh have installed pollution control devices;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). The Visakhapatnam Steel Plant has installed pollution control devices on all its major processes for complying with the effluent and emission standards. Hindustan Zinc Limited have installed the double conversion double absorption process followed by a tail-end scrubber, for controlling sulphurdoxide emissions. The Hindustan petroleum Corporation have the necessary equipment in all its processes to comply with the prescribed standards, except for the standard prescribed for sulphurdioxide emissions. The unit has initiated action to comply with this standard by 1992-93.

(c) does not arise.

Eklakhi-Balurghat Railway Line

4243. SHRI SUBRATA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of construction of the Eklakhi-Balurghat railway line;

(b) total amount allotted for this project during the last three years;

(c) the amount allotted for the project during 1992-93; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Only earth works between Eklakhi and Gazole has been done so far.

(b) Rs. 3,000/-.